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Applicant: Keima TAKABAYASHI et al. Conf.: 7444
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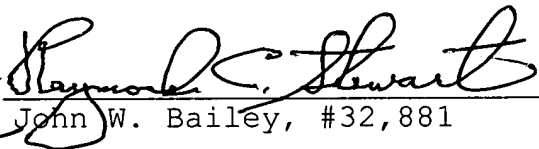
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In reply to the Office Action dated July 22, 2004, the following amendments and remarks are respectfully submitted in connection with the above-identified application. Please amend the present application as follows.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 5 of this paper.